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COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE
Air University
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Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: **CSC-Y**

SUBJECT:

TO: **Mr. Mathew Baird**
Director of Training, CIA
2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baird:

I talked with Mr. [REDACTED] on 28 May concerning the USAF Counterinsurgency Course which we are establishing at the Air University. This course, as I am sure you are aware, is being established simultaneously with similar courses at other service schools. Our course will begin on 9 July and run for two weeks. The student body will consist of approximately 225 senior Air Force officers whose ranks generally will be Colonel and Lt Colonel.

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Our curriculum is divided into two phases. During the first phase we will consider insurgency, its causes, principles, and the relationship between insurgency and communism. During the second phase, we will examine counterinsurgency from the national standpoint with emphasis on the military role. I have attached a calendar which will give you a day-to-day breakdown of these two phases.

We are stressing the fact that communism is very active in its exploitation of national unrest in nations where insurgency occurs. We are particularly interested in the techniques and apparatus that communists employ in exploiting insurgency movements. For this purpose we have set aside two 45-minute periods on the afternoon of 11 July for this material to be discussed. We are particularly interested in obtaining the services of a representative from CIA to give this lecture since we feel that you are particularly knowledgeable in this area. I have attached a copy of the purpose and scope of this lecture as it will appear in the curriculum catalogue.

In the event you are able to supply us with a lecturer, it is our present intention to bring him down by military aircraft on the evening of 10 July along with Colonel Virgle Ney and Dr. Jan Karski who will precede him that morning. After these three gentlemen have completed their lectures, they will appear on a panel before the student body to discuss any questions that have arisen. Following the panel discussion, they will be flown back

to Washington, arriving there some time during the evening of 11 July. I am unable to provide you with take-off or landing times at present but will provide them as soon as possible.

In the event you have questions concerning any matters relative to the course, please call me at Maxwell AFB, Ext. 28125, Montgomery, Alabama.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration of our request and please give my best regards to Mr.

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Very sincerely,



WILLIAM F. AUSTIN
Major, USAF

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 Purpose & Scope